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Bush, George

SINATRA, Frank

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PICTURE

BOSTON (UPI) -- FRANK SINATRA VOLUNTEERED HIS SERVICES TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN A CONVERSATION WITH CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH, THE BOSTON GLOBE SAID TODAY.

"SINATRA SAID HE WAS ALWAYS FLYING AROUND THE WORLD, AND MEETING WITH PEOPLE LIKE THE SHAH OF IRAN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY OF GREAT BRITAIN," BUSH'S BROTHER, JONATHAN BUSH, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING BY THE GLOBE. "HE EMPHASIZED TIME AND AGAIN THAT HIS SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE AND THAT HE WANTED TO DO HIS PART FOR HIS COUNTRY."

IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT LENZNER OF THE GLOBE'S NEW YORK BUREAU, JONATHAN BUSH, A BUSINESSMAN, SAID THE OFFER WAS MADE AT A MEETING IN HIS NEW YORK APARTMENT LAST FEBRUARY.

"I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF NICE OF FRANK SINATRA," JONATHAN BUSH TOLD THE NEWSPAPER. "HE WAS VERY NATURAL AND I WAS SPELLBOUND. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT IT'S TRUE."

JONATHAN BUSH SAID HIS BROTHER MADE NO COMMITMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFER, ACCORDING TO THE GLOBE.

IN ANSWER TO AN INQUIRY FROM THE GLOBE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIA SAID: "OUR STANCE IS THAT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE DIRECTOR OR WHOM HE SEES IS NOT A MATTER OF RECORD OR PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE."

EFFORTS TO REACH SINATRA BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

THE GLOBE REPORTED TELEVISION PRODUCER PAUL W. KEYES, WHO ARRANGED THE GATHERING, SAID SINATRA MAY HAVE OFFERED TO BE OF HELP TO BUSH BUT THERE WAS NO "PITCH" MADE.

"TO MY KNOWLEDGE," KEYES SAID, "IT WAS JUST OLD TIMES AND EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO AN HOUR. FRANK HAD JUST COME BACK FROM A EUROPEAN TOUR AND HE TALKED A LOT ABOUT IT."

"WE FELT LIKE APPLAUDING AFTER SINATRA LEFT," JONATHAN BUSH SAID. "WE HAD A BIG LAUGH ABOUT IT, AND THEN WE ALL GOT SMASHED."

THE GLOBE SAID, "DURING THE GATHERING SINATRA STRESSED THAT HE WAS OFTEN IN THE COMPANY OF THE SHAH OF IRAN AND DINED WITH PRINCE PHILIP OF ENGLAND. HE WANTED TO PUT THESE CONTACTS TO WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE U.S."

"AT ONE POINT, GEORGE BUSH ANSWERED SINATRA BY SUGGESTING IN A HUMOROUS FASHION: 'THERE IS SOME SPECIAL WORK YOU COULD DO FOR US IN AUSTRALIA.' SINATRA AND THE OTHER PERSONS IN THE ROOM LAUGHED AT THE REFERENCE TO THE SINGER'S PUBLICIZED TROUBLES IN AUSTRALIA A FEW YEARS AGO WHILE ON TOUR."

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